

June 9, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Bicycle Task Force
Members of the MAG Pedestrian Working Group

FROM: Patrick McDermott, Chandler, Chair of the Regional Bicycle Task Force
Cynthia Seelhammer, Queen Creek, Chair of the Pedestrian Working Group

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Tuesday, June 20, 2000 - 1:30 p.m.
MAG Offices, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

The Regional Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group will meet at the time and place noted above. **Please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting as parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. Bicycles can be locked in the rack at the entrance to the parking garage.** If you have any questions, please contact Dawn M. Coomer at (602) 254-6300.

Please be advised that under procedures adopted by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Call to Order</u>2. <u>Approval of the May 16, 2000 Meeting Minutes of the Regional Bicycle Task Force and Pedestrian Working Group</u> | <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. For information, discussion and action to approve the meeting minutes of May 16, 2000. |
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3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Task Force and Working Group. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments.

4. Staff Report

MAG staff will provide a status report of current transportation items, including:

The Regional Bikeway Map
Transportation Enhancement Funds

5. Member Agency Report

Committee members are invited to provide an update of bicycle and pedestrian planning activity in their agencies.

6. Regional Transportation Plan

With the acceleration of the MAG Freeway Program to 2007, a key component of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan is being completed. The development of a new MAG Regional Transportation Plan will provide the opportunity to develop a new vision for the region that will guide transportation improvements over the next twenty years. It is anticipated that the Plan will provide the basis for future Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs).

Since the new plan will provide a vision, policy and funding framework that will address all transportation modes the MAG Modal and Technical Committees are being asked for their input as we develop the concept of the new Regional Transportation Plan. Stuart Boggs, MAG Senior Policy Planner, will be available to provide some information. Please refer to Attachment A.

3. For information.

4. For information and discussion.

5. For information and discussion.

6. For information, discussion and possible action.

7. Draft Methodology for Evaluating CMAQ Improvement Projects

Final federal guidance for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program effective April 28, 1999, indicates that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) need to develop procedures for assessing emission reduction benefits for proposed CMAQ projects. The guidance encourages States, MPOs, and transit agencies, in consultation with air quality agencies, to cooperatively develop evaluation criteria. In accordance with this guidance, the Maricopa Association of Governments is distributing the Draft Methodology for Evaluating Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Projects for review and comment. It is anticipated that the draft methodology will be used to evaluate proposed projects during development of the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that is scheduled to begin in August 2000. Comments on the draft methodology are due by June 30, 2000. Please refer to the enclosed material, Attachment B.

8. Regional Off-Street System (ROSS) Plan

The ROSS plan is underway and approximately one-half completed. The consultant team will be presenting information on several work products at the meeting. The initial draft Working Paper Five: Corridor Identification and Evaluation is enclosed as Attachment C. We will also be discussing the results of the demonstration projects. Please come prepared to offer your comments and suggestions on these and other items presented at the meeting.

7. For information and discussion.

8. For information, discussion and possible action.

9. Next Meeting

The Pedestrian Working Group and Regional Bicycle Task Force will meet on June 20, 2000 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. A Regional Trails Forum will follow from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

9. For information and discussion.